



## SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA BILL SUMMARY

### Senate Bill 606 Printer's No. 598

Prime Sponsor: Senator McGarrigle  
Committee: Judiciary

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#### **SYNOPSIS:**

This bill amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) to limit the personal liability of maritime pilots who operate on the Delaware River and its tributaries.

#### **SUMMARY:**

This purpose of this bill is to stimulate maritime commerce and economic prosperity on the pilotage grounds of the Commonwealth by limiting the liability of certain pilots. The bill caps personal liability for licensed pilots and apprentices at \$5,000 for losses caused by the pilot's or apprentice's error, omission, fault, or neglect. The bill does not cap liability for willful or reckless conduct or for any act or omission relating to the ownership of the boat. The bill does not exempt from liability any owner or operator of the boat.

Effective Date: This bill is effective on July 1, 2015.

#### **BILL HISTORY:**

There is no bill history during this legislative session.

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